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Application of: WANG et al.  
Application No.: 09/889,366  
Filed: March 23, 2001 (371c date - July 13, 2001)  
For: PROCESS FOR FORMING CENTIPEDE POLYMER GEL

Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Examiner: Unknown

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Claims as Amended						
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Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT**

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Prior to examination, kindly amend this application in the manner set forth hereinbelow.

In the Claims

Kindly amend the claims in the following manner:

1 (amended). A process for forming an extended polyalkylene-grafted interpolymer or gel, comprising:

- a) in a mixer, mixing
- 1) a polymer comprising mer units derived from maleic anhydride and mer units derived from at least one of
    - (A) a vinyl aromatic monomer, and
    - (B) an  $R^1(R^2)$ ethylene monomer in which  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  independently are selected from H and substituted or unsubstituted  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  alkyl or alkoxy groups, and
  - 2) a maleated polyalkylene, so as to form a blend;
- b) in said mixer, adding to said blend a diamine and allowing it to react with the mer units derived from maleic anhydride and with the maleated polyalkylene to form a polyalkylene grafted interpolymer;
- c) allowing the polyalkylene-grafted interpolymer to cool in said mixer and, without

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